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District of Arizona	CLERK US DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA				
In the Matter of the Search of)	BY				
(Briefly describe the property to be searched or identify the person by name and address) Case 1	No. 23-2983MB				
One Apple iPhone 13 Cell Phone IMEI: 358743274687121					
SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT					
To: Any authorized law enforcement officer					
An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attornous of the following person or property located in the (identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location): As further described in Attachment A	ey for the government requests the search District of Arizona				
The person or property to be searched, described above, is believely property to be seized): As set forth in Attahcment B I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish property.					
YOU ARE COMMANDED to execute this warrant on or before	re <u>01-02-2024</u> (not to exceed 14 days)				
in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. at any time in the dayestablished.	(not to exceed 14 days) y or night as I find reasonable cause has been				
Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was place where the property was taken.					
The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory					
 (name)					
☐ I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result list of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice t searched or seized (check the appropriate box) ☐ for days (not to exc	to the person who, or whose property, will be				
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Date and time issued: 12/19/2033 @	Judge's signature				
City and state: Yuma, Arizona Honorable	James F. Metcalf, U.S. Magistrate Judge Printed name and title				

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 - a. all information related to the sale, purchase, receipt, shipping, importation, transportation, transfer, possession, or use of drugs or drug packaging;
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 - c. all bank records, checks, credit card bills, account information, or other financial records reflecting the disposition of drug proceeds;
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	A SEARCH WARRAN			
I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that there is now concealed on the following person or property located in the District of Arizona (identify the person or describe property to be searched and give its location): As further described in Attachment A				
The person or property to be searched, described above, is believed to conceal (identify the person or describe the property to be seized): As set forth in Attahcment B				
The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is (check one or more):				
evidence of a crime;				
contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;				
property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;				
☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is	unlawfully restrained.			
The search is related to a violation of21 U.S.C. §952, 960, 963_ , and the application is based on these facts: See attached Affidavit of Special Agent Frank Salcedo				
Continued on the attached sheet.				
Delayed notice of days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days:) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.				
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF AN APPLE IPHONE 13 CELL PHONE, IMEI: 358743274687121, CURRENTLY LOCATED IN EVIDENCE STORAGE AT HSI YUMA, 7431 E 30TH STREET, STE 1, YUMA, AZ 85365

Case No. _ **23 - 2933 mB**

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

I, Special Agent Frank Salcedo, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

I. INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

- 1. I make this Affidavit in support of an application under Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for a warrant to examine the cellular telephone described more particularly in Attachment A (hereafter the "SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE"), and to extract the electronically stored information set forth in Attachment B, which represents evidence and/or instrumentalities of the criminal violations further described below.
- 2. I am a Special Agent with the Homeland Security Investigations ("HSI") and have been since August 2010. Prior to that, the affiant was a Border Patrol Agent with Customs & Border Protection. The Affiant has a total of approximately 20 years of law enforcement experience. I am currently assigned to the Special Investigations Group, which conducts investigations involving crimes against children, including child pornography as well as other cybernetic crimes. During my employment in law enforcement, I have written and/or participated in the execution of multiple search warrants. The statements contained in this Affidavit are based on my experience and background as a Special Agent and on information provided by other law enforcement agents. I am currently the Computer Forensics Agent (CFA) for my office. I have been the CFA since graduating from the HSI Basic Computer Evidence Recovery training July of 2018. Your Affiant received specific training on how electronic devices, including but not limited to, cellular phones, tablets, and computers of all varieties, to include global positioning system (GPS) devices, can be

used to aid criminals in illegal endeavors. These devices can be used with no security features to take extra steps to thwart law enforcement, to fully customized versions of the devices where readily available and/or custom security steps are taken by criminal elements to add layers of "security" to these devices in an effort to thwart law enforcement and investigative efforts. This training taught your Affiant how to conduct cyber investigations more thoroughly, and forensically sound digital evidence recovery from nearly any type of digital media storage platform from computers and servers to mobile devices such as cellular phones and tablets, as well as drones and gaming consoles, and virtual machines.

- 3. The statements contained in this Affidavit are based on information derived from the Affiant's personal knowledge, training and experience; information obtained from the knowledge and observations of other sworn law enforcement officers, either directly or indirectly through their reports or affidavits; and surveillance conducted by law enforcement officers.
 - 4. Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause for the requested warrant, your Affiant has not set forth all of the relevant facts known to law enforcement officers.

II. BASIS FOR PROBABLE CAUSE

- 5. On October 29, 2023, at approximately 4:40 p.m., Craig MENTA (hereinafter "MENTA"), applied for admission into the United States at the San Luis, Arizona Port of Entry via the primary vehicle lanes. MENTA was the driver and sole occupant of a red 2017 Chevy Cruze bearing Arizona license plate number TXA5ZR.
- 6. MENTA presented an Arizona driver's license and provided a negative verbal customs declaration. During the inspection of the vehicle, Customs and Border Protection Officers ("CBPO") observed a computer-generated alert for the vehicle. The vehicle was then referred to the vehicle secondary lot for further inspection.
- 7. Prior to entering the secondary lot, the vehicle was scanned by the Z-Portal X-ray machine. Anomalies were observed in the vehicle's trunk area.
- 8. At the secondary lot, a Canine Enforcement Officer utilized her Hyman and Narcotics Detection Dog ("HNDD") screen the vehicle. The HNDD alerted to the backseat area of the vehicle. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed a non-factory compartment in the trunk.

- Four (4) clear vacuum-sealed packages containing light-blue pills were removed from the trunk. One of the packages was probed and a sample of a blue pills were obtained, which field tested positive for Fentanyl. The 4 packages had a combined net weight of approximately 24.39 kilograms (53.65 pounds).
- 9. Prior to being interviewed by HSI, MENTA complained to CBP Officers that he was not feeling well and was experiencing chest pain. The San Luis Fire Department (SLFD) was called to provide medical assistance to MENTA. SLFD advised that they would need to transport MENTA to the Yuma Regional Medical Center for proper medical evaluation. MENTA was released pending charges. MENTA was not interviewed by HSI.
- The SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE is currently in the lawful possession of HSI. It came into the HSI's possession in the following way: the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE was found in MENTA's vehicle on October 29, 2023, during the Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") processing of MENTA during secondary inspection. The SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE was seized by CBP and then seized by HSI. The SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE has since been in the custody of HSI. Therefore, while the HSI might already have all necessary authority to examine the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE, I seek this additional warrant out of an abundance of caution to be certain that an examination of the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE will comply with the Fourth Amendment and other applicable laws.
- 11. The SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE is currently in storage at HSI Yuma evidence storage at 7431 E 30th Street, Suite 1, Yuma, AZ 85365 since the date of incident, kept in a powered-on state. In my training and experience, I know that the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE has been stored in a manner in which its contents are, to the extent material to this investigation, in substantially the same state as they were when the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE first came into the possession of HSI.

III. IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEVICE TO BE SEIZED AND EXAMINED

12. The property to be searched is an Apple iPhone 13 seized from MENTA. CBP took the phone from MENTA during his application to enter the United States via the San Luis, Arizona, CBP Port of Entry on October 29, 2023.

- 13. Based upon the facts contained in this Affidavit, your Affiant submits there is probable cause to believe that the items listed in Attachment B will be found in the contents of the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE.
- 14. Based on my training, education, and experience, and discussions with other trained law enforcement personnel, along with information provided by sources of information and confidential sources, your Affiant knows the following:
 - a. Drug traffickers commonly use cellular telephones to communicate with other drug traffickers and customers about drug-related activities through the use of telephone calls, text messages, email, chat rooms, social media, and other internet- and application-based communication forums. Moreover, drug traffickers commonly use other capabilities of cellular telephones to further their drug trafficking activities. Therefore, evidence related to drug trafficking activity is likely to be found on the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE.
 - b. Drug traffickers often have access to large amounts of United States currency in order to maintain and finance their ongoing trafficking activities. Therefore, records of the movement of drug proceeds, including deposits, transfers, and purchases, are likely to be found on the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE.
- 15. In addition to items which may constitute evidence and/or instrumentalities of the crimes set forth in this Affidavit, your Affiant also requests permission to seize any articles tending to establish the identity of persons who have dominion and control over the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE.

IV. DIGITAL EVIDENCE STORED WITHIN A CELLULAR TELEPHONE

- 16. As described in Attachment B, this application seeks permission to search for records and information that might be found in the contents of the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE. Thus, the warrant applied for would authorize the copying of electronically stored information under Rule 41(e)(2)(B).
- 17. Probable cause. Your Affiant submits that there is probable cause to believe records and information relevant to the criminal violations set forth in this Affidavit will be stored on the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE for at least the following reasons:

- a. Your Affiant knows that when an individual uses a cellular telephone, the cellular telephone may serve both as an instrumentality for committing the crime and also as a storage medium for evidence of the crime. The cellular telephone is an instrumentality of the crime because it is used as a means of committing the criminal offense. The cellular telephone is also likely to be a storage medium for evidence of crime. From my training and experience, your Affiant believes that a cellular telephone used to commit a crime of this type may contain: data that is evidence of how the cellular telephone was used; data that was sent or received; notes as to how the criminal conduct was achieved; records of Internet discussions about the crime; and other records that indicate the nature of the offense.
- b. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience, your Affiant knows that cellular telephones contain electronically stored data, including, but not limited to, records related to communications made to or from the cellular telephone, such as the associated telephone numbers or account identifiers, the dates and times of the communications, and the content of stored text messages, e-mails, and other communications; names and telephone numbers stored in electronic "address books;" photographs, videos, and audio files; stored dates, appointments, and other information on personal calendars; notes, documents, or text files; information that has been accessed and downloaded from the Internet; and global positioning system ("OPS") information.
- c. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience, your Affiant knows that electronic files or remnants of such files can be recovered months or even years after they have been downloaded onto a cellular telephone, deleted, or viewed via the Internet. Electronic files downloaded to a cellular telephone can be stored for years at little or no cost. Even when files have been deleted, they can be recovered months or years later using forensic tools. This is so because when a person "deletes" a file on a cellular telephone, the data contained in the file does not actually disappear; rather, that data remains on the cellular telephone until it is overwritten by new data.
- d. Therefore, deleted files, or remnants of deleted files, may reside in free space or slack space-that is, in space on the cellular telephone that is not currently being used by an active file-for long periods of time before they are overwritten. In addition, a

cellular telephone's operating system may also keep a record of deleted data in a "swap" or "recovery" file.

- 18. Forensic evidence. As further described in Attachment B, this application seeks permission to locate not only electronic files that might serve as direct evidence of the crimes described on the warrant, but also for forensic electronic evidence that establishes how the cellular telephone was used, the purpose of the use, who used it, and when. There is probable cause to believe that this forensic electronic evidence will be found in the contents of the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE because:
 - a. Data in a cellular telephone can provide evidence of a file that was once in the contents of the cellular telephone but has since been deleted or edited, or of a deleted portion of a file (such as a paragraph that has been deleted from a word processing file).
 - As explained herein, information stored within a cellular telephone may b. provide crucial evidence of the "who, what, why, when, where, and how" of the criminal conduct under investigation, thus enabling the United States to establish and prove each element or alternatively, to exclude the innocent from further suspicion. In my training and experience, information stored within electronic storage medium (e.g., registry information, communications, images and movies, transactional information, records of session times and durations, internet history, and anti-virus, spyware, and malware detection programs) can indicate who has used or controlled the cellular telephone. This "user attribution" evidence is analogous to the search for "indicia of occupancy" while executing a search warrant at a residence. The existence or absence of anti-virus, spyware, and malware detection programs may indicate whether the cellular telephone was remotely accessed, thus inculpating, or exculpating the owner. Further, activity on a cellular telephone can indicate how and when the cellular telephone was accessed or used. For example, as described herein, cellular telephones can contain information that log: session times and durations, activity associated with user accounts, electronic storage media that connected with the cellular telephone, and the IP addresses through which the cellular telephone accessed networks and the internet. Such information allows investigators to understand the chronological context of cellular telephone access, use, and events relating to the crime under investigation. Additionally, some information stored within a cellular

telephone may provide crucial evidence relating to the physical location of other evidence and the suspect. For example, images stored on a cellular telephone may both show a particular location and have geolocation information incorporated into its file data. Such file data typically also contains information indicating when the file or image was created. The geographic and timeline information described herein may either inculpate or exculpate the user of the cellular telephone. Last, information stored within a cellular telephone may provide relevant insight into the user's state of mind as it relates to the offense under investigation. For example, information within a computer may indicate the owner's motive and intent to commit a crime (e.g., internet searches indicating criminal planning), or consciousness of guilt (e.g., running a "wiping" program to destroy evidence on the computer or password protecting/encrypting such evidence in an effort to conceal it from law enforcement).

- c. A person with appropriate familiarity with how a cellular telephone works can, after examining this forensic evidence in its proper context, draw conclusions about how the cellular telephone was used, the purpose of its use, who used it, and when.
- d. The process of identifying the exact files, blocks, registry entries, logs, or other forms of forensic evidence on a cellular telephone that are necessary to draw an accurate conclusion is a dynamic process. While it is possible to specify in advance the records to be sought, cellular telephone evidence is not always data that can be merely reviewed by a review team and passed along to investigators. Whether data stored on one cellular telephone is evidence may depend on other information stored on that or other storage media and the application of knowledge about how electronic storage media behave. Therefore, contextual information necessary to understand other evidence also falls within the scope of the warrant.
- e. Further, in finding evidence of how a cellular telephone was used, the purpose of its use, who used it, and when, sometimes it is necessary to establish that a particular thing is not present on a storage medium. For example, the presence or absence of counter-forensic programs or anti-virus programs (and associated data) may be relevant to establishing the user's intent.

- 19. Nature of examination. Based on the foregoing, and consistent with Rule 41(e)(2)(B), the warrant your Affiant is applying for would permit imaging or otherwise copying the contents of the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE, including the use of computer-assisted scans.
- 20. Manner of execution. Because this warrant seeks only permission to examine a device already in law enforcement's possession, the execution of this warrant does not involve the physical intrusion onto a premises. Consequently, I submit there is reasonable cause for the Court to authorize execution of the warrant at any time in the day or night.

V. CONCLUSION

21. Your Affiant submits there is probable cause to believe that the items listed in Attachment B, which constitute evidence and/or instrumentalities Title 21 U.S.C. § 841 (Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance), and Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 952 and 960(a)(l) and (b)(3) (Importation of a Controlled Substance) are likely to be found in the contents of the SUBJECT CELLULAR TELEPHONE further described in Attachment A.

FRANK J SALCEDO Digitally signed by FRANK J SALCEDO Date: 2023.12.19 09:46:09 -07'00'

Special Agent Frank Salcedo Special Agent Homeland Security Investigations

Subscribed and sworn to me telephonically this 19 day of December 2023.

HONORABLE JAMES F. METCALF UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE